

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as indicated in the following **LISTING OF CLAIMS** which replaces, without prejudice, all prior listings of claims.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) A lottery ticket dispenser for dispensing lottery tickets serially connected to each other along perforated joints, the dispenser comprising:
a housing;
at least one drawer mounted within the housing;
at least one slot in the housing through which the tickets are dispensed; and
at least one ticket bin adjustably mounted to each drawer, each ticket bin being adapted to contain at least one stack of the lottery tickets in a fan fold configuration, the ticket bin being configured to accommodate a variety of different ticket stacks sizes by being selectively mounted to the associated drawer in one of a plurality of positions disposed generally parallel with a ticket dispensing path ~~to accommodate a variety of ticket stack sizes.~~

2. (Original) The dispenser of claim 1 further comprising a plurality of drawers vertically arranged in the housing.

3. (Original) The dispenser of claim 2 further comprising a plurality of ticket bins horizontally arranged on each drawer.

4. (Original) The dispenser of claim 1 wherein the housing further comprises a generally transparent panel through which the tickets in the dispenser are visible.

5. (Original) The dispenser of claim 4 wherein the transparent panel is positioned at a front of the housing and the ticket bin is mounted to the drawer in one of the plurality of positions to position the ticket stack proximate the front of the housing and the transparent panel.

6. (Original) The dispenser of claim 1 wherein the ticket bin further comprises: an upwardly projecting bulkhead to inhibit the ticket stack from moving off of the ticket bin during dispensing of the tickets.

7. (Original) The dispenser of claim 6 wherein the ticket bin further comprises: a generally planar bottom adapted to support the ticket stack; and a pair of spaced flanges each projecting upwardly from an edge of the bottom and adapted to contain the ticket stack positioned there between;

wherein the bulkhead is positioned along a back edge of the bottom.

8. (Original) The dispenser of claim 6 wherein the bulkhead further comprises:
an angular wall; and
an arcuate guide connected to the angular wall adapted to guide the tickets from the stack to the slot for dispensing.

9. (Original) The dispenser of claim 1 further comprising:
a powered separator adapted to contact the tickets and separate adjacent tickets at the associated perforated joint.

10. (Original) The dispenser of claim 9 further comprising:
a powered ticket transport mechanism adapted to transport the tickets from the ticket bin toward the powered separator and to the slot for dispensing from the dispenser.

11. (Original) The dispenser of claim 1 further comprising:
a plurality of sockets in the drawer, each socket corresponding to one of the positions on the drawer; and
at least one tab on the ticket bin, each tab being adapted to engage the sockets to releasably mount the ticket bin to the drawer in one of the positions.

12. (Original) The dispenser of claim 1 wherein each drawer is movably mounted in the housing for movement to and between an extended position for access to the ticket bin on the drawer and a retracted position in which the drawer is contained within the housing.

13. (Currently amended) A lottery ticket dispenser for dispensing a plurality of stacks of lottery tickets serially connected to each other along perforated joints, the dispenser comprising:
a housing;

a generally transparent panel in the housing through which the tickets in the dispenser are visible;

a plurality of drawers vertically arranged in the housing;

at least one slot in the housing through which the tickets are dispensed;

a plurality of ticket bins horizontally arranged and adjustably mounted on each drawer, each ticket bin being adapted to contain at least one stack of the lottery tickets in a fan fold configuration, the ticket bin being configured to accommodate a variety of different ticket stacks sizes by being selectively mounted to the associated drawer in one of a plurality of positions disposed generally parallel with a ticket dispensing path to accommodate a variety of ticket stack sizes;

wherein the transparent panel is positioned at a front of the housing and the ticket bins are each mounted to the associated drawer in one of the plurality of positions to position the respective ticket stack proximate the front of the housing and the transparent panel;

a powered separator adapted to contact the tickets and separate adjacent tickets at the associated perforated joint; and

a powered ticket transport mechanism adapted to transport the tickets from the associated ticket bin toward the powered separator and to the slot for dispensing from the dispenser.

14. (Previously presented) The dispenser of claim 13 wherein each ticket bin further comprises: an upwardly projecting bulkhead configured to inhibit the ticket stack from moving off of the ticket bin during dispensing of the tickets.

15. (Original) The dispenser of claim 14 wherein each ticket bin further comprises: a generally planar bottom adapted to support the ticket stack; and a pair of spaced flanges each projecting upwardly from an edge of the bottom and adapted to contain the ticket stack positioned there between;

wherein the bulkhead is positioned along a back edge of the bottom.

16. (Original) The dispenser of claim 14 wherein the bulkhead further comprises: an angular wall; and

an arcuate guide connected to the angular wall adapted to guide the tickets from the stack to the slot for dispensing.

17. (Original) The dispenser of claim 13 further comprising:
a plurality of sockets in each drawer, each socket corresponding to one of the positions on the associated drawer; and
at least one tab on each ticket bin, each tab being adapted to engage the sockets to releasably mount the ticket bin to the drawer in one of the positions.

18. (Original) The dispenser of claim 13 wherein each drawer is movably mounted in the housing for movement to and between an extended position for access to the ticket bins on the drawer and a retracted position in which the drawer is contained within the housing.

19. (Currently amended) A lottery ticket dispenser for dispensing lottery tickets serially connected to each other along perforated joints, the dispenser comprising: a housing;
a plurality of drawers vertically arranged in the housing;
at least one slot in the housing through which the tickets are dispensed;
a plurality of ticket bins horizontally arranged and adjustably mounted on each drawer, each ticket bin being adapted to contain at least one stack of the lottery tickets in a fan fold configuration, the ticket bin being configured to accommodate a variety of different ticket stack sizes by being selectively mounted to the associated drawer in one of a plurality of positions disposed generally parallel with a ticket dispensing path ~~to accommodate a variety of ticket stack sizes~~;
a powered separator adapted to contact the tickets and separate adjacent tickets at the associated perforated joint; and
a powered ticket transport mechanism adapted to transport the tickets from the ticket bin toward the powered separator and to the slot for dispensing from the dispenser.

20. (Currently amended) The dispenser of claim 19 wherein each ticket bin further comprises: an upwardly projecting bulkhead configured to inhibit the ticket stack from moving off of the ticket bin during dispensing of the tickets.

21. (Original) The dispenser of claim 20 wherein each ticket bin further comprises: a generally planar bottom adapted to support the ticket stack; and a pair of spaced flanges each projecting upwardly from an edge of
the bottom and adapted to contain the ticket stack positioned there between;
wherein the bulkhead is positioned along a back edge of the bottom.

22. (Original) The dispenser of claim 20 wherein the bulkhead further comprises:
an angular wall; and
an arcuate guide connected to the angular wall adapted to guide the tickets from the stack to the slot for dispensing.

23. (Original) The dispenser of claim 19 further comprising:
a plurality of sockets in each drawer, each socket corresponding to one of the positions on the associated drawer; and
at least one tab on each ticket bin, each tab being adapted to engage the sockets to releasably mount the ticket bin to the associated drawer in one of the positions.

24. (Previously presented) The dispenser of claim 19 wherein each drawer is movably mounted in the housing in a configuration that accommodates movement to and between an extended position configured to provide access to the ticket bin on the drawer and a retracted position in which the drawer is contained within the housing.

25. (Previously presented) The dispenser of claim 8 wherein, when the ticket bin is selectively mounted in different ones of the plurality of positions, the arcuate guide is configured to be at different respective distances from the at least one slot.

26. (Previously presented) The dispenser of claim 16 wherein, when the ticket bins are selectively mounted in different ones of the plurality of positions, the arcuate guide is configured to be at different respective distances from the at least one slot.

27. (Previously presented) The dispenser of claim 22, wherein, when the ticket bin is selectively mounted in different ones of the plurality of positions, the arcuate guide is configured to be at different respective distances from the at least one slot.

28. (Previously presented) The dispenser of claim 1, wherein the ticket bin is configured so that a book of folded fan-fold tickets lays substantially flat in the ticket bin.

29. (Previously presented) The dispenser of claim 13, wherein the ticket bins are configured so that books of folded fan-fold tickets lay substantially flat in the ticket bins.

30. (Previously presented) The dispenser of claim 19, wherein the ticket bins are configured so that books of folded fan-fold tickets lay substantially flat in the ticket bins.

31. (New) A lottery ticket dispenser for dispensing lottery tickets serially connected to each other along perforated joints, the dispenser comprising:

- a housing;

- at least one slot in the housing through which the tickets are dispensed; and

- at least one ticket bin being configured to contain at least one stack of the lottery tickets in a fan fold configuration;

- wherein the ticket bin further comprises an upwardly projecting bulkhead configured to inhibit the ticket stack from moving off of the ticket bin during dispensing of the tickets;

- wherein the bulkhead further comprises an angular wall and an arcuate guide connected to the angular wall and adapted to guide the tickets from the stack to the slot for dispensing.

32. (New) The dispenser of claim 31, further comprising:

- a plurality of drawers vertically arranged in the housing.

33. (New) The dispenser of claim 31 further comprising:

- a generally transparent panel in the housing through which the tickets in the dispenser are visible.

34. (New) The dispenser of claim 31 further comprising:

- a powered separator adapted to contact the tickets and separate adjacent tickets at the associated perforated joint; and

- a powered ticket transport mechanism adapted to transport the tickets from the ticket bin toward the powered separator and to the slot for dispensing from the dispenser.

35. (New) The dispenser of claim 34, further comprising:

- a plurality of drawers vertically arranged in the housing, the drawers configured to contain at least one ticket bin; and

- a generally transparent panel in the housing through which the tickets in the dispenser are visible;

wherein the transparent panel is positioned at a front of the housing and each ticket bin is mounted to the associated drawer to position the respective ticket stack proximate the front of the housing and the transparent panel.